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COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner Krause:

Please review the attached proposed claim amendments. The amendments are being presented for discussion purposes only.

I will call you at 11:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Feel free to contact me before then if you wish.

Thank you,

Donald G. Walker

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**Proposed Claim Amendments
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8. (Currently amended) A transmission, comprising:
 - a moveable shift fork;
 - a shaft having a finger radially outwardly extending therefrom;
 - a sleeve supported on the shaft and restricted from rotation, the sleeve including a groove in receipt of the finger such that rotation of the shaft causes axial translation of the sleeve; and
 - a spring accumulator acted upon by the sleeve to transfer a load to the shift fork, wherein the finger radially extends through the spring accumulator.

17. (Currently amended) A transmission, comprising:
 - an axially translatable shift member including a housing portion and a bifurcated fork portion adapted to engage a rotatable shifting element;
 - a rotatable shaft;
 - a radially extending finger fixed to the shaft;
 - a sleeve including a gate in receipt of the finger, wherein the sleeve surrounds the shaft and rotation of the shaft axially translates the sleeve;
 - a spring encompassing the sleeve; and
 - a holding yoke fixed to the sleeve to restrict rotation of the sleeve relative to the housing portion, the holding yoke having a pair of spaced apart wings, the spring being positioned between and in engagement with the wings, the spring

including portions clear of radially extending beyond the wings and in engagement with the housing portion.

21. (Currently amended) A transmission, comprising:
 - a moveable shift fork including a housing;
 - a sleeve including a gate and being positioned within the housing;
 - a rotatable shaft including a radially extending finger being positioned within the gate such that rotation of the shaft axially translates the sleeve;
 - a holding yoke being fixedly connected to the sleeve and being guided by the housing, the holding yoke including spaced apart wings connected to end regions of the sleeve; and
 - a spring surrounding the sleeve and being positioned between the wings, the spring transferring load between the housing and the sleeve.